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Amendment to the Abstract

Please replace the abstract as follows:

~~The invention refers to a method for indicating the current status of a removable media device provided for being loaded with at least one removable medium, and being connected to a device for reading and/or writing AV storage media. The method has the steps of checking the type of user-input upon occurrence of user input, keeping the status of the removable media device if the type of user-input is not related to the removable media device, else checking whether a characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium has changed, keeping the current status if the characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium has not changed, and else updating the status.~~

--In an audio visual storage device, a mechanism and method is provided that detects the current status of a removable media device connected to the audio visual storage device. The removable media device includes one or more removable media. A check is made each time the user makes a request through a user input that relates to the removable media device. When such a user input is detected, a check is made to determine if the characteristic feature of the removable media, such as the volume identifier, has changed. If a change has occurred, the status is updated.--